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Miss May Morris, a daughter of William Morris, the poet and designer of decorative materials, visited Chicago in November, and delivered three lectures in Fullerton Hall; the subjects were: "Mediaeval Embroidery," "Pageantry and the Masque," and "Symbols and Patterns." At the same time a number of pieces of work by Miss Morris, jewelry and embroidery, were shown in cases in the Antiquarian room.

James H. Thompson died at Omaha, December 3, 1909. He was the first guard of the Art Institute, entering the service in November, 1892, and was for some time the only guard. He was a most faithful and efficient officer, and set an example for all his later associates.

Mr. Thompson was born in 1835 at Mercer, Pa. After a toilsome youth he enlisted in the U. S. Service in 1861, and served through the war. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, and Stone River, and at Stone River was wounded and taken prisoner. After the war he was in the San Francisco Custom House until he entered the service of the Art Institute, from which he retired on a pension in 1904. He was married in 1861, and his wife and one son survive him. He was highly esteemed by subordinates and superiors alike.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The school registry in November gave in the day school 664 students, of whom 485 were in the academic department (drawing, painting, modelling and illustration), 79 in decorative designing, and 100 in the school of architecture. 274 were men and 390 women. In the Saturday juvenile and special there are 450 and in the evening 444, a total registration of 1,558.

MUSEUM ATTENDANCE.

The number of visitors at the Museum during the three months ending November 30, 1909, is shown in the following table:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 13 Sundays, - - - - | 42,046 |
| 28 other free days, - - - - | 110,096 |
| 50 pay days, - - - - | 21,473 |
| 91 days, - - - - | 173,615 |

The average attendance has been:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Sundays, - - - - | 3,234 |
| Other free days, - - - - | 3,932 |
| Pay days, - - - - | 429 |

During the same period last year the total attendance was 147,436, showing an increase this year of 26,179.

LECTURE ATTENDANCE.

Lectures and other entertainments in Fullerton Memorial Hall from June 1 to September 1, 1909.

| | |
|--|--------|
| 5 lectures and meetings with a total attendance of - - - - | 1,234 |
| From Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 1909: | |
| 20 lectures to members and students, - - - - | 4,799 |
| 34 lectures to students, - - - - | 4,590 |
| 30 other lectures and meetings, - - - - | 10,398 |
| 7 plays by the Donald Robertson Co. - - - - | 3,186 |
| 1 concert, - - - - | 495 |
| 92 audiences, total attendance, - - - - | 23,468 |

LIBRARY ATTENDANCE.

During the three months ending November 30 the number of visitors at the Ryerson Library was:

| | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. |
|--|-------|-------|--------|
| Students, - - - - | 1,810 | 3,902 | 4,545 |
| Visitors, - - - - | 1,431 | 1,269 | 1,202 |
| Consulting visitors, - - - - | 655 | 683 | 864 |
| | 3,896 | 5,854 | 6,611 |
| Total, Sept., Oct. and Nov., - - - - | | | 16,361 |
| Last year, 1908, during the same period, there were, - - - - | | | 15,186 |